

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rock Run Miller's House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rock Run Road at Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Rock Run

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
\_\_\_ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_ SITE  
\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
\_\_\_ PRIVATE  
\_\_\_ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
\_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_\_ MUSEUM  
☒ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 573

Folio #: 335

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Run Millers House, located on Rock Run Road at Stafford Road is a two-storey, three bay wide one bay deep, heavily quoined fieldstone structure. The gable roof is wood-shingled with rake boards on both gable end and a boxed cornice. This dwelling was little more than a shell when acquired by the State in the early 1960's. It has since been extensively rehabilitated by Park authorities.

The main (south) facade is defined by a central doorway flanked by small 4/4 sashed windows on the first storey and two identical windows above these windows on the second storey. Both doorway and windows are trimmed by simple wooden surrounds. The windows are flanked by vertical boarded shutters.

The east gable end has been covered with stucco. A central doorway on the first storey and two four-light fixed-sashed windows at attic level characterize this facade.

A one storey frame wing has been added to the west gable end thus obscuring the original fenestration of this facade. A central doorway flanked to the east by a 6/6 sashed window defines the south facade. A shed-roofed dormer is centrally located on the gable roof which dramatically overhangs this facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following is taken from information collected by Paul Penrod in 1976 as is the attached title search.

"This building is part of the original Rock Run Mill property and probably built at the same time as the mill or soon afterwards. The tract was part of the larger "Lane of Promise," which was developed first by Jacob Giles in the mid-1700's. Giles constructed a mill of his own near the site of the existing gristmill. Joan Stump acquired the land on which the Miller's house is built from the heirs of Jacob's son Nathaniel, in 1797. Stump had already purchased a second lot for the mill itself in 1791.

When the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal opened in 1840, the dwelling not only housed the Miller, but it doubled as an inn for the waterways travellers.

During the Archer ownership of the mill the building continued to be used by the lessee Millers, but after the 1870's, it was no longer suitable as a residence, which might explain the condition it was in when it was acquired by the State of Maryland."

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1979

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	573	335	In 1961, Marie Wilkinson Turcotte and Henry Turcotte sold two parcels, measuring 1.74 and 30.54 acres, to the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks.
Will TLA	24	219	These same two plots were left to the Turcottes by this will after the deaths of Wilfred W. Wilkinson in 1953 and Maude E. Wilkinson in 1958.
DGW	213	317	1. Lavinia Macklem sold the 33-acre tract of the Rock Run Mill to Wilfred W. Wilkinson in 1922.
WSF	113	454	In 1904, William S. Archer and Henry W. Archer, trustees, sold the 33 acres to John M. Macklem. The deed states that this tract was part of the Land of Promise, which was owned by Nathaniel Giles until his death in 1775, and which was then sold in 1797 by Elizabeth Giles to John Stump of Stafford.
GCB	282	219	2. In 1943, Elizabeth Esley sold 1 1/2 acres to Wilfred W. Wilkinson.
JAR	160	453	William S. Archer, surviving executor, sold the plot to Elizabeth Esley in 1918.
ALJ	38	84	Henry W. Archer, Jr., was named as a trustee after a court case involving Henry W. Archer and Thomas W. Maddock. In 1878, the trustee sold Henry W. Archer the Rock Run Mill property of 50 acres as well as an adjacent farm of 132 acres, three roods and 36 perches. The trustees were holding the property after the death of Ann Archer, daughter of John Stump. Ann had been left considerable holdings including the Rock Run Mill and the old Carter house after John Stump's death in 1816. Ann died in 1871, leaving the property to her son, Henry W. Archer, as executor.
HD	2	373	Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, conveyed the mill property to John and Ann Archer in 1816. They also received the tract where Lapidum was laid out.
HD		297	Samuel Carter, son of John Carter, sold his interest in the mill and the house to John Stump. The tract measured 40 acres in this 1808 transaction.
JLG	P	390	In 1901, John Stump sold to John Carter a half-interest in the mill property that was once part of the Land of Promise.
JLG	N	376	In 1797, Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Nathaniel Giles, sold 256 acres to John Stump, Jr.

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JLG	L 269
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The executors of the Jacob Giles estate conveyed one-half  
acre ~~near~~ Rock Run Landing to John Stump in 1794.

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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This dwelling has been extensively reconstructed by the park authorities, for when it was acquired, there were only the walls still left standing. Almost all of the non-stone features have been replaced. The walls of this two-story building are of uncoursed rubble stone, quoined at the corners. The south-west-facing building also has a newly-constructed, one-story, frame wing on the western side. The addition is two bays by one, while the original house is three bays by one. All of the stone portion's windows are very small and are 4 X 4's, with the exception of the attic windows, which are 2 X 2. Simulation board-and-batten doors are located on the southwest, eastern and northeastern sides of the stone section, as well as on the southeastern side of the addition. The roof is gable-flank, with wood shingles, and underneath it is a box cornice and eave trim. A single shed dormer is located on the southeast-facing roof of the new wing. One original brick chimney is located on the eastern inside-end of the stone building, while an outside-end stack is emplaced on the northeast embrasure of the wing.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 30.54

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The house is located on a larger tract owned by the State of Maryland and is situated just northwest of the intersection with Rock Run and Stafford Roads.

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

June 3, 1976

TELEPHONE

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STATE

Maryland

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INVENTORY NO. 197

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 4/8/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: KASHARIC PROPERTY (MILL HOUSE)LOCATION OF PROPERTY: OFF STAFFORD RD, WHERE ROCK RUN CROSSES IT.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTHEASTNAME OF OWNER: R.S. KASHARICADDRESS: STAFFORD RD., HAUTE DE GRACESTORIES: 1[ ] 2[✓] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 3 X 1 ADDITION 2 X 1WINGS, ADDITIONS: ONE ON WEST SIDE-RECENT REMODELING JOBWALLS HAVE BEEN REBUILT BY STATE  
HOUSE WAS IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
 [✓] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 [ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 [ ] LOG <sub>UPPER SECTION</sub> SLIGHT QUOINING

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONEFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE NONEWATER TABLE: NONE PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[✓] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ] 4x4  
 VERY SMALL ATTIC  
 pegged[ ] nailed[✓] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[✓] ADDITION- SE SIDE

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: ONE ON SE SIDE, ONE ON EAST SIDE, ONE ON NE SIDEHARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[✓]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN ✓

## CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

SHINGLE BOX CORNICES + EAVES original[ ] replaced[ ]ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS 1 ON WING  
SHED ROOF

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[✓]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[✓] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 1 ON INSIDE END, EAST END OF 2-STORY SECTIONARCHES: NONE 1 ON OUTSIDE REAR OF ADDITION

COMMENTS:

ADDENDA

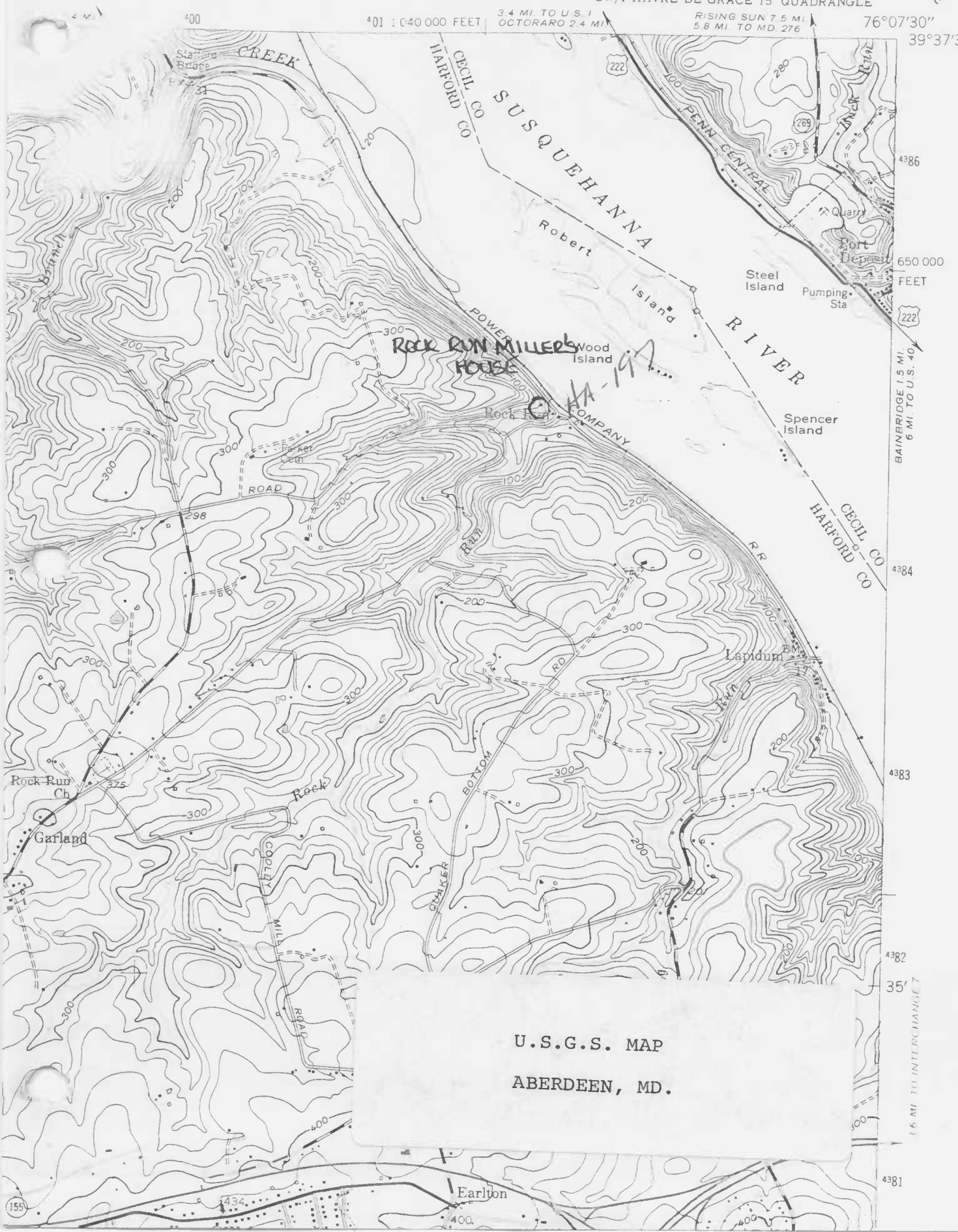
In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

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ABERDEEN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 II NE  
(RISING SUN)



U.S.G.S. MAP  
ABERDEEN, MD.



Miller's House HA-197  
Rock Run Road at Stafford Rd.  
Havre de Grace, MD  
Paul Penrod 4/76  
southside





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ROCK RUN MILLER'S HOUSE  
ROCK RUN ROAD AT STAFFORD ROAD  
DARLINGTON, MD.

S.W. ELEVATION

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